## Abstract

The present invention is directed to hybridization probes hybridizing adjacently to another at a target nucleic acid sequence, wherein one member of said hybridization probes comprises (i) a nucleotide sequence entity which is substantially complementary to the sequence of the target nucleic acid, (ii) a fluorescent entity being either a FRET donor entity or a FRET acceptor entity, and (iii) a spacer entity connecting the nucleotide sequence entity and the fluorescent entity.